

Let Freedom Ring!

A writing contest celebrating the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Categories:

- Middle School: Students
Fluent in English
- Middle School: Students
Not yet fluent in English
- High School: Students
Fluent in English
- High School: Students
Not yet fluent in English

**The winner of each
category will receive \$100
in gift cards & a chance to
read their work at the
Martin Luther King Jr.
Day rally in January**

“It is not enough to say we must not wage war. It is necessary to love peace and sacrifice for it.”- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Guidelines The contest is open to youth living or attending Middle or High School in the City of Boulder. Submit an original written work of no more than 500 words responding to one of the prompts below. Attach the form on the back of this sheet to your entry, or provide all the information from the form with your entry. Please type or write very legibly. **Indicate if you are or are not yet fluent in English.** Entries will be judged based on creativity, grammar, originality, & clarity.

Prompt (choose one) Write a poem, essay, or a short story:

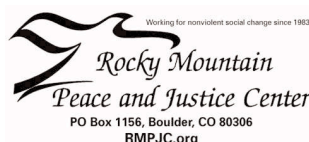
- Martin Luther King Jr. led many marches, which are a form of political protest. Would you participate in a political protest? Why or why not? On what issue?
- In “*The Strength to Love*”, one of King’s speeches, he says that fear is the ultimate cause of hatred, prejudice, and violence. Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Why?
- Write a letter to the editor of the Daily Camera and identify an issue in Boulder. Why is this issue significant and what could the community do to fix it?
- Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, “The time has come for an all out war against poverty.” What is your reaction to the fact that poverty exists in the US, which is the richest country in the world?

Deadline: Monday, December 20th, 2010

- Email to swetta@bouldercolorado.gov with “MLK Writing Contest” in subject line
- Fax to MLK Writing Contest c/o YOP at 303-441-4348
- Mail to MLK Writing Contest c/o YOP, 2160 Spruce St., Boulder, Co 80302

For questions or information, call 303-441-4349

This contest is co-sponsored by the Rocky Mountain Peace & Justice Center
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Martin Luther King Jr. Writing Contest Entry Form

**Please provide all info and attach this to your entry.
Entries are due December 20, 2010.**

Name _____

U.S. Mail Address _____

Phone Number _____ **E-mail Address** _____

School _____ **Grade** _____

Teacher (if this was a class assignment) _____

Choose One: ☐ **I am not yet fluent in English**
 ☐ **I am fluent in English**